

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant(s):** Seiji HASHIMOTO**Confirmation No.:** 6942**Serial No.:** 10/660,885**Examiner:** Tuan H. LE**Group Art Unit:** 2622**Filed:** September 12, 2003**For:** IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As stated in the January 23, 2007 Restriction Requirement, the following groups are identifies among the pending claims:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Description</u>
I.	Claims 1- 7, drawn to an image pickup apparatus, classified in class 348, subclass 226.1.
II.	Claims 8-9, drawn to an image pickup apparatus, classified in class 348, subclass 342.
III.	Claim 10, drawn to an image pickup apparatus, classified in class 348, subclass 362.

Applicant provisionally elects to pursue prosecution of the claims of Group I. At least claims 1-7 are believed to be encompassed within that group.

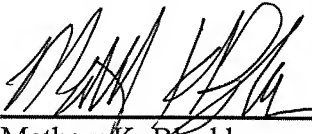
Should the Restriction Requirement be made final, the right is expressly reserved to present any withdrawn claims in divisional application(s). In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5139.

Respectfully submitted,
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